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1. The Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek Shipyard on the Labe River at Usti nad Labem employs a total of about 350 workers in the construction of motorboats, river barges and tugs and in the repair of river boats. Work is done in one shift. Vessels are taken over at the shipyard by a commission composed of a major and two other army officers and Dr. Bily, Technical Manager of CKD in Prague. Vessels with the following characteristics are built in this plant:

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- a. Sand barge, from 10 m to 26 m in length and from 3.5 to 6 m in breadth, steel framed with wood planking.
- b. Steel barges with a capacity of from 750 to 1,000 tons.
- c. Motorboats.
- d. Motor tugs, 6 m in length and 2.5 m in breadth.

2. Leading personnel of the shipyard include the following:

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- a. Managing Director Frantisek Moravec
- b. Deputy Manager Fryhauf
- c. Personnel Director Stanislav Nemecek
- d. Chief Accountant Chadir
- e. Chairman of the Workers' Council Frantisek Koukal
- f. Chairman of the Plant KVC Hornak

3. The following shops comprise the Usti Shipyard:

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a. Joiner's shop, a single-story building, 50 m by 30 m, employing about 40 workers. Machinery in the shop includes:

- 1 milling machine
- 1 planing machine
- 3 circular saws
- 3 hand saws
- 2 drill presses

b. Forge, in the main plant building, employs about five workers. Machinery in the shop includes:

- 1 overhead travelling crane servicing the entire building
- 1 overhead lifting crane servicing the entire building
- 1 furnace
- 1 power harmer
- 1 autogenous welding machine
- 1 drill press
- 1 grinder

c. Turner's shop, in the main building, employs three workers to machine the rough steel structural materials which are delivered from CKD in Prague. Machinery in the shop includes:

- 1 large milling machine
- 3 lathes, one about 5 m in length
- 2 grinders

d. Welding shop, in the main building, employs about 22 workers in the construction of water and fuel tanks and other sheet metal boat parts. Sheet iron is delivered from the Povrly Rolling Mill near Usti. Machinery in the shop includes:

- 1 electric welding machine
- 1 autogenous welding machine
- 1 grinder

e. Ways and marine railway.

f. Drafting room and pattern shop, on the second floor of the administration building, employs four persons in drafting and building wooden mock-ups.

4. Workmanship is very poor. This difficulty causes serious waste to raw materials and the failure to maintain the construction plan. In order to maintain the plan vessels are often launched and delivered only partially completed. There is no plant militia or fire brigade. Fire-fighting equipment consists of extinguishers in each shop. The plant is guarded by six gatekeepers during the day and two watchmen at night.

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